as three or four cases in connection with crime against Northeast girls, have been reported recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is demand for a special cell in Delhi Police exclusively for the protection of North Eastern students/ people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Delhi Police has taken effective steps to check the incidence of crime against women in Delhi, including those from the North East Region. These steps include: (i) Strengthening of Crime against Women Cell (CWC); (ii) setting up of Rape Crisis Intervention Centres; (iii) Constitution of Special Session Courts with female judges; (iv) Investigation of rape and other related crimes by Women Police Officers or associating women police with the Investigating Officers in such cases; (v) Undertaking legal awareness and publicity campaigns; (vi) Posting of a lady police constable in PCR Vans patrolling the prominent women colleges; (vii) Posting of plain-clothes police personnel at vulnerable places in the city to curb eve-teasing and molestation and to keep surveillance on criminals; (viii) Setting up Women Help Line No. 1991; and (ix) Constitution of a round the clock "Women Mobile Team" to attend to urgent and distress/emergency calls from women; etc. As a result of these steps, there is greater awareness among women to report the instances of crime. Delhi Police has also posted a native officers of Arunachal Pradesh serving Delhi Police as DCP to act as a nodal officer for the women of the North East Region living in Delhi.

Activities of Babbar Khalsa

†1798. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few months the activities of a terrorist outfit named Babbar Khalsa have increased in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several dreaded terrorists with human bombs have been arrested during the last two months in some parts of Delhi and Punjab;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISI is at the roots of these destructive tendencies of the Babbar Khalsa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The twin blasts on 22.5.2005 in two cinema halls in Delhi and subsequent arrests of several Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) activists in Punjab and Delhi suggest that BKI is trying to revive terrorist activities in Punjab and other parts of the country.

(c) and (d) The available reports suggest that terrorist outfits including BKI are being sponsored and assisted from outside the country in committing acts of terror in some parts of the country.

Delay in arresting culprits due to jurisdiction dispute

†1799. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to jurisdiction related disputes as well as delays caused on this count, the police is unable to arrest the culprits as they get sufficient time to escape after committing the crime;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to check the delay caused in determining the jurisdiction so that Police do not face problems in quick arrest of culprits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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